Revamping NHAI

2840. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the poor performance of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) over the past five years, the Government has decided to revamp its organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the overall road development infrastructure is not as per the required one in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent the revamp of the NHAI organisation is going to affect the growth of road infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The length of highways completed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the last five years as under does not reflect poor performance:

Year	Completed length (in km)
2004-05	2351
2005-06	753
2006-07	635
2007-08	1682
2008-09	2205

However, considering the enhanced mandate of NHAI to implement the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Government has approved re-structuring of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to enhance its institutional capacity by making it multi-disciplinary professional body with quality financial management and contract management expertise. The salient features of re-structuring are:-

(i) Selection of the Chairman by a search committee with tenure fixed for at least three years which may be extended upto five years.

(ii) Increase in the number of full time Members from five to six and the number of part-time Member from four to six.

(iii) Creation of additional posts of Chief General Managers (CGMs).

(iv) Creation of Cells with experts in the areas of finance, legal, safety, quality control, Project Appraisal etc., and

(v) Empowering the NHAI to engage where required outside experts.

Constructing 12,000 kms road during current financial year

2841. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: